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Urban District Council of Pickering.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

The Area of your District is 15.625 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 4,040.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,198.

The Rateable Value is £ 15,314, which produces a Penny Rate, £63 : 11 : 0 nett.

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M	F	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population.
		59	31	28	14.6
Live Births	Legitimate	35	28	7	
	Illegitimate	4	3	1	
Still Births	Legitimate	3	1	2	48.3 per 1,000 total Births Live and Still
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Deaths		50	25	25	12.4 per 1,000 of population.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

	Total	Rate
All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	2	33.9
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	2	57.1
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	none	none

No deaths occurred from Puerperal Sepsis.
No deaths occurred from other Puerperal Disease.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	7
,, Measles (all ages)	none
,, Whooping Cough (all ages	none
,, Diarrhœa (under two years of age)	none

Causes of Death were :—

Tuberculosis	2	Digestive Disease	3
Bronchitis	6	Cerebral Hæmorrhage	11
Other Respiratory Disease	1	Heart Disease	10
Cancer	7	Other Circulatory Diseases	1
Influenza	1	Other Defined Diseases	8

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers of the Authority are :—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurse and the School Medical Officer. The M.O.H. is in charge of the Child Welfare Clinic and is assisted by the District Nurse.

Nursing in the Homes.

The District Nurse attends cases in the homes where necessary, except in infectious cases.

Laboratory Facilities.

The North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

Hospitals.

There is no change in former arrangements.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Motor Ambulance continues to be of the greatest service to the community.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1942.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith submit my Report on the Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	72
,, ,, ,, Housing Acts	38
,, ,, to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops	70
,, ,, ,, Works in Progress	81
,, ,, ,, Shops Acts	11
Drainage Systems Improved or Renewed	21
Drains Inspected and Tested	21
,, Found Satisfactory	21
,, ,, Defective	none
Conversions to Water Carriage System	11

Shops and Offices.

No action has been found necessary.

Public Cleansing.

Under an arrangement with the County Council they cleanse their streets within our area for an agreed sum each year. The rest of the streets and roads are scavenged by the U.D.C. highways Staff.

A regular weekly collection of refuse is carried out in the town by the Council's own vehicle and direct labour.

Salvage.

A regular weekly collection of Salvage is carried out and the results are satisfactory

Camping Sites.

No Licenses have been issued.

Smoke Abatement.

No action has been found necessary.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

The Council's Swimming Bath used mainly by children has been required for other purposes.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

There have been no cases of bug infestation.

Meat and other Foods.

The slaughtering is carried out at a regional slaughter house outside this area. On one occasion I had to draw attention to the cleanliness of the vehicle used for distributing the meat. Large quantities of tinned foods were examined, some at the request of the Ministry of Food. A fair amount was condemned but bearing in mind the quantity examined and the amount of tinned goods on the Market the quality remains high.

Visits and duties under all the Government's various Ministerial Departments quite apart from the Ministry of Health have taken up a great deal of time and thrown more responsibility and work on the department.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, A.R.S.I., M.I.H.
Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION F. Prevalence and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1942.

Only one case of Measles and one case of Diphtheria were notified during the year

Cancer.

7 deaths occurred from Cancer during the year, 4 being males and 3 females.

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1942 :—

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
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5 ...	...		...		...	...	...	
15 ...	...		...		...	..	...	
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35 ...	1		...		...	...	...	
45 ...	...		...		...	...	...	
55 ...	...		.		...	...	...	
65 & upwards	...		.		...	1	...	
Totals ...	2		...		1	1	none	

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

THOS. J. MUIR,

Medical Officer of Health,

Pickering Urban District.